

NOTICE INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

REAPPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL G. DANE FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

The United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit is seeking comment from persons who are in a position to evaluate the performance of Michael G. Dane, Federal Public Defender for the Northern District of Ohio, as well as the quality of services provided the Federal Public Defender organization for that district.

Federal Public Defenders are appointed by the United States Court of Appeals for a term of four years. The current term of Michael G. Dane, Federal Public Defender for the Northern District of Ohio will expire on January 24, 2003. Pursuant to the Procedures for the Selection of Federal Public Defenders for the Sixth Circuit, the Court of Appeals has appointed an evaluation committee consisting of David Bodiker, Chair, David Doughten and Gordon S. Friedman. The Evaluation Committee is responsible for the evaluation of the performance of an incumbent Federal Public Defender and for a recommendation to the Court as to whether an incumbent Federal Public Defender should be reappointed. In making its evaluation, the Committee is required to assess the quality of representation, level of commitment and service to clients, and the administrative efficiency of the Federal Public Defender Office for the Northern District of Ohio.

Among the abilities or characteristics being evaluated are:

- Competence to perform the duties of the office, including organizational and management skills and human relations skills.
- Integrity and good character.
- Commitment to equal justice under law.
- Sound physical and mental health.
- Legal ability, including legal experience, the ability to deal with complex legal problems, an aptitude for legal scholarship and writing, and familiarity with courts and court processes.

Any person wishing to offer comments relating to Mr. Keller's performance as Federal Public Defender for the Northern District of Ohio or relating to the performance in general of that office may address written comments to:

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**ALL COMMENTS RECEIVED WILL BE HELD IN STRICT CONFIDENCE.
IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED, COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER
THAN JULY 5, 2002.**